

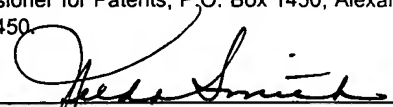


<b>AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER (Large Entity)</b>				Docket No. Svej-22-4	
Applicant(s):					
Serial No. 10/042,753	Filing Date July 23, 2002	Examiner Laura Estelle Edwards	Group Art Unit 1734		
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div> Invention:   SEASONING SYSTEM AND METHOD </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <div style="text-align: right;"> <b>RECEIVED</b>  DEC 29 2003  <b>TC 1700</b> </div> </div>					
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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.					
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<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 45%;">   Signature  <b>Loren G. Helmreich, Reg. No. 29,389</b>  <b>Browning Bushman, P.C.</b>  <b>5718 Westheimer, Suite 1800</b>  <b>Houston, TX 77057</b>  <b>Tel: 713-266-5593</b>  <b>Fax: 713-266-5169</b> </div> <div style="width: 50%; border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> I certify that this document and fee is being deposited on 12-17-03 with the U.S. Postal Service as first class mail under 37 C.F.R. 1.8 and is addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.    Signature of Person Mailing Correspondence  <b>Nelda Smith</b>  Typed or Printed Name of Person Mailing Correspondence </div> </div>					
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In re application of:

David L. Burke, et al.

Application No.: 10/042,753

Filing Date: July 23, 2002

For: SEASONING SYSTEM  
AND METHOD

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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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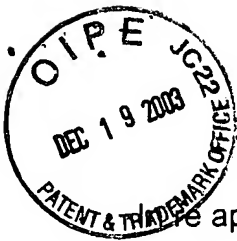
Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 3, 2003, please amend the above  
Application as follows:

A clean copy of the claims is enclosed herewith.

**Claims begin on Page 2**

**Remarks begin on Page 5**



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Re application of:

David L. Burke, et al.

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Filing Date: August 17, 2000

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Please cancel Claims 1-47, 55-82 and 87-97 without prejudice to Applicant.

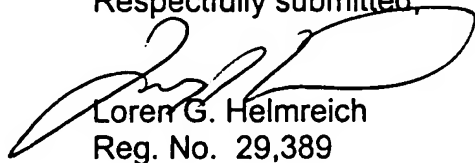
**REMARKS**

Claims 75-82 and 87-97 remain pending.

Early allowance of the application is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: 4 Dec 02  
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I hereby certify that this correspondence and all referenced enclosures are being sent by facsimile to the attention of  
Christiana Donald at Fax No. (703) 308-6916 on this the 7th day of December, 2002.

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